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FOREIGN AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT SECURITY PROGRAM (U)

US defense and other sensitive facilities require protection from threats of espionage and other foreign collection operations directed against such facilities by foreign civil aircraft. This directive establishes a committee to advise the Department of State and other agencies with responsibility for controlling the operation of foreign civil aircraft in the US and to recommend improvements in current policies and procedures. (C)

The Secretary of State is hereby assigned the responsibility for the coordination with the Secretaries of Transportation, Defense, and Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board of US overflight security policies with respect to access to and routing in US airspace of such foreign aircraft. Differences with respect to these policies that cannot be reconciled by the Secretary of State shall be referred to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for resolution by the National Security Council. (U)

To implement the provisions of this directive, there is hereby established an Overflight Security Committee, chaired in the Department of Transportation (Federal Aviation Administration), and comprised of representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, Justice, and Treasury, the Civil Aeronautics Board, and, as observing member, a representative of the Director of Central Intelligence. (U)

The Overflight Security Committee shall:

a. Review current policies and procedures under which the US Government deals with flights in the US by aircraft of foreign countries and make recommendations to the Secretary of State for improvements to relevant security measures. (C)

b. Develop and recommend to the Secretary of State policy and procedures to enforce US airspace integrity, including the determination of clearly defined lines of

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communication, responsibility, and decisionmaking authority. Consistent with long established US policy of providing aid to those who are lost or in distress in the air and for ensuring flight safety in the US air route traffic control system, such policy and procedures shall ensure that the US has the capability to respond to unauthorized flights and route deviations on a timely basis during the flight of the aircraft in question. (C)

c. Be responsible for ensuring the implementation of policies and procedures developed in accordance with this directive. (U)

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